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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN MEDIA ON LIBYAN DEVELOPMENTS MAY 10

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1. CAIRO DAILIES MAY 10 DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE BY LIBYAN EX-PM JALLOUD IN BELGRADE DURING WHICH LIBYAN DECLARED THAT DECISION HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN TAKEN TO DISPENSE WITH ALL EGYPTIANS WORKING IN LIBYA. JALLOUD ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT DECISION ON EXPLUSION OF EGYPTIANS WILL BE REFERRED TO PEOPLES CONFERENCE LATER IN MAY FOR RATIFICATION. JALLOUD ALSO REPORTEDLY FLAYED FRANCE, MOROCCO AND EGYPT FOR PROVIDING MILITARY AID TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE.

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2. AKHBAR BREATHLESSLY REPORTS, CITING TRAVELERS FROM LIBYA, THAT QADHAFI CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS DISTURBANCE IN WAKE OF APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. ARTICLE NOTES THQAT QADHAFI NOW IN VIRTUAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE AT FAR'AZZIYA BARRACKS IN TRIPOLI AND REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFT IMMINENT.

3. GOE ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR EXPELLEES FROM LIBYA NOTED IN CAIRO DAILIES. SPECIAL MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY DEPRIMIN GHANIM, INCLUDING MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, TRANSPORT, MANPOWER, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, HAS BEEN FORMED TO STUDY CONDITIONS OF EXPELLEES AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR REINTEGRATION INTO EGYPT.

4. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN LEFTIST LEADER KHALID MUHI AL-DIN, WHO MADE WIDELY PBUBLICIZED ANTI-REGIME STATEMENT RECENTLY IN ROME (SEPTELS), HAS REPLACED QADHAFI MOMENTARILY AS CHIEF BETER NOIR OF EGYPTIAN MEDIA. ALTHOUGH DRUMFIRE OF CRITICISM OF QADHAFI'S POLICIES CONTINUES, DAILIES APPEAR TO HAVE RETURNED TO PRINCIPAL THEME OF FATE OF EGYPTIAN WORKERS IN LIBYA.

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